

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

WORMS IN COLT.

Have a yearling colt that is well fed on bran and oats, but is not doing well. He passes large, long, white worms. Would you please advise as soon as possible, through the columns of your paper?

F. S.

Ans.—Take 1½ ounces each of sulphate of copper, sulphate of iron, tartar emetic, and calomel. Mix and make into 12 powders. Give a powder night and morning in damp food. After the last has been taken, give a purgative of 6 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Feed bran only for 24 hours after administering the purgative.

COLT KNUCKLING.

I have a two-year-old filly, agricultural class, stands on boards on cement, is let out to water, have never seen her strained, has never been lame, but stands knuckled on hind fetlock.

W. J. M.

Ans.—Knuckling is partial dislocation of the fetlock joints, due to various causes, as over-work when young, etc. Do not work the colt. Long rest and repeated blistering may effect a cure. Blister with 1½ drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off all around the joints, tie so she cannot bite the parts, and rub well with the blister once daily for two days, and on the third day wash off and apply sweet oil. Repeat the blistering every month until cured.

PEAMEALING PORK.

Kindly give some information through your valuable paper how the peamealing of hams and bacon is done.

M. H. B.

Ans.—In peamealing hams and bacon, only the meat portion is, of course, peamealed. Genuine peameal is used, and it is sprinkled lightly on the hams and bacon through a fine sieve, after the meat has been washed, and just before it is hung up in the smoke-house ready for smoking. The smoking then takes place in the usual way. There is nothing more in the process than this, it being extremely simple. Some packers substitute corn meal for peameal, but we never use it, as it is a cheaper substitute, and does not give the meats a nice appearance.

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DRIVEN WELL.

Young farmer wishes to drive a well himself. Size of pipe about one and a half inches. I have read that it can be done very cheap. Please state when your pipe strikes quick-sand, how far does it need to go in the quick-sand to withstand a windmill or engine power attached to pump, and what would keep the sand from being sucked up with the water, or any other useful hints re a driven well, as best methods of driving pipes, etc. I think it would be of interest, not only to myself, but to a great many, if it can be done as cheaply and as quickly as I read somewhere.

L. B.

Ans.—The pipe, with suitable drive-point, can be driven into the ground either by hand or light pile-driver, depending on conditions. The point should be driven down into the quick-sand, and where the approximate depth of the water vein has not been ascertained, make a test every foot or two with a small hand-pump screwed on the top of the pipe to which the drive-point is attached. By this means you can tell when a satisfactory supply has been reached. At first, a quantity of sand will be pumped out, especially where it is very fine, but in a short time the coarse sand gathers around the outside of the drive-point, and after this there will be scarcely any sand discernible. It is only necessary to drive the point far enough into the quick-sand to get a satisfactory supply, but if it is known that by going through a certain stratum of sand you will find coarser sand or gravel, it is better to do so. The pipe between the drive-point and the sucker of the pump must not be more than 25 feet at the outside, as this is practically the limit from which water can be drawn by suction or atmospheric pressure.

W. H. D.

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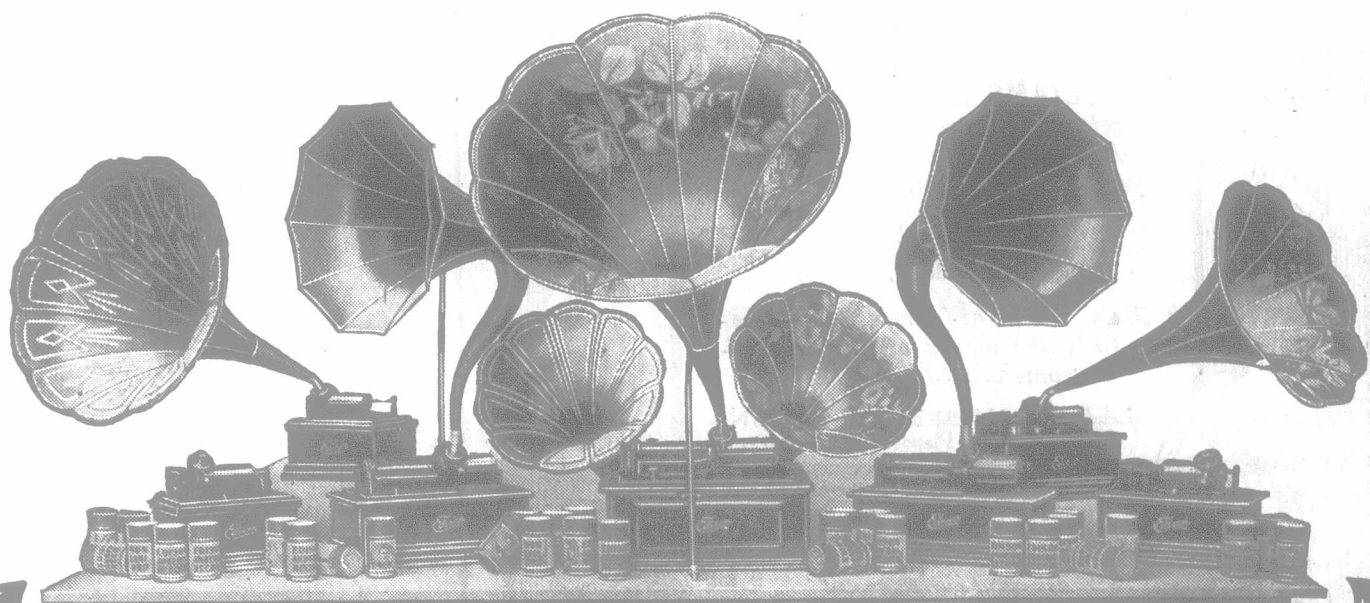
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TREES SPLIT.

Some of our apple trees have split open from top to bottom. Is there anything that can be done to keep them from dying?

C. K.

Ans.—Trees sometimes split open as a result of the wood not being properly ripened up in the autumn. An undue amount of sap in the trees upon freezing, expands, causing splitting. Trees on low ground do not ripen up as easily as those on higher land, and cover crops also aid in ripening the wood. Would suggest that you cease cultivation earlier another year, if such has been practiced this year, and that you use a cover crop. The injured trees can be wrapped with cloth or paper, after waxing over the cracks to keep out moisture. If these trees are split as a result of ice or injury, they may be bolted together, or bound with iron bands.



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